

Assist regulatory compliance



Commonwealth legislative requirements

ARPANS Act

Establishes ARPANSA, functions of the CEO, inspection powers, advisory bodies including the Radiation Health Committee (RHC), regulation of controlled material/apparatus/facilities and administrative matters

ARPANS Regulations

Provides greater detail on activities and functions established by the Act (eg. types of controlled apparatus, licence applications, dose limits, practices and procedures to be followed by licence holders)

Licence conditions

All licences – s35 of the Act and Part 5, Division 6 & Part 6 of the Regulations

Conditions imposed on individual licences – includes relevant RPS codes & ANZ/ISO standards



National Uniformity Objectives

Developed by RHC (includes representatives from each jurisdiction) in the Radiation Protection Series (RPS)

RPS Fundamentals

Guiding principles of radiation protection

RPS Codes

Provide overarching requirements that must be satisfied to ensure acceptable level of safety & security - may be referenced by licence conditions or regulations

RPS Guides

Provide guidance on how to apply/comply with RPS Codes



National Directory for Radiation Protection (NDRP)

Framework for radiation protection in Australia - for adoption by radiation regulators in each jurisdiction

Codes applying to all licences in s59 of Regulations

Relevant codes as licence conditions for sources and facilities

Influence how legislation is written, for example, LH has primary responsibility for safety

Adopted as appropriate in the Australian context

Both inform the development of regulatory guidance



Regulatory Guides

Provide guidance on how to apply/comply with legislation and licence conditions



International Best Practice

Documents from peak international bodies reflecting a consensus on what constitutes a high level of safety (eg. IAEA, ICNIRP, WHO, UNSCEAR) – sets benchmark for best practice